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Final update of *renewal news* ... for now

Thank You for Your Patience ...

With *Phase One* of the **Idaho Capitol Restoration** project at its end and future renovation plans on hold, the Department of Administration and the Idaho Capitol Commission want to extend a very special “*thank you*” to all the occupants and visitors to the Idaho Statehouse for their patience over the past many months in enduring the construction activities and related inconveniences.



Restoration work at the Capitol is wrapping up with the exception of some consulting activity with the Capitol Commission Design Committee over the next few months. Subsequently, further issuances of

renewal news will be deferred as well. Last week, (*photo above, right*) specially trained consultants could be seen carefully climbing around the outside of the exterior Capitol Building Dome to determine what type of repairs and extent of work may be needed there in the future.

MOVEABLE PLANTERS TO REPLACE TEMPORARY BARRIERS THIS WEEK

Beginning on Wednesday (June 19), 34 new concrete planters specially designed to provide a moderate level of security in a manner that complements the aesthetics of the Capitol Building and its Grounds, will be placed in front of the Statehouse. The larger of the new planters are three-feet by six-feet by thirty inches high, weigh 2,200



lbs. each, and are in the 'Napoleonic' design (*see picture at left*). They will be positioned at the front of the Capitol to provide the same impediment as the temporary arrangement has along Jefferson Street. According to **Tim Mason**, State Facilities Services Manager, the existing, temporary Jersey barriers will be hauled away and returned to the Idaho Transportation Dept. The eight planters with trees will be relocated to various locations around the Capitol Mall complex.

On the **State Street** side of the Capitol, the existing Jersey barriers will be replaced by 24 circular planters (*see picture at right*). They are two feet in diameter, thirty inches high, and weigh 265 lbs. apiece. All of the new planters were ordered several months ago to replace the Jersey barriers and the tree planters, which were temporarily placed around the Capitol in response to a security directive first issued Nov. 1, 2001, and have remained based on ongoing assessments by the **Idaho State Police** and the **Idaho National Guard** in the aftermath of Sept. 11. The Facilities Services Grounds Crew will plant flowers in the planters as soon as possible after delivery. Some may be used as sitting areas as well. The planters are all moveable, and if the situation changes, can be placed anywhere on the Mall complex.



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